

Messy Church @ Home No 10



“How to live life today?” *Second session*

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1 Peter 3: 13

¹³ If you are always trying to do good, no one can really hurt you. ¹⁴ But you may suffer for doing right. Even if that happens, you are blessed. (ICB)

Psalm 1

“When I listen to you, God,
When I do what you ask me to do,
I am like a tree
Planted by a river,
A tree full of fruit
With leaves that are always green.”
Paraphrased by Marie-Helene Delval in Psalms for young children.

We are looking at this massive question “How to Live Life Today?”. Last week we started by asking how we choose to walk with God through the day, rooting our lives like a tree in “**Trying to do Good**” each and every day. First we sang a song saying thank you for this beautiful day.

This week we are starting the Messy Church @ Home session with a song called “**Passing it on**”. Two of my friends have kindly sung this song for us.

God’s love is for sharing with your friends and for everyone - this includes a bully. There are different ways of dealing with people who are unkind to us. We have to choose which way we respond to someone who is nasty.

Song <https://youtu.be/yQPkiWBEXzY> Please copy and paste into your search engine. **Shared with permission.**

Pass it on By Hannah and Florence my friends who are kind to me and have helped me by making this YouTube video for you and friends have put it on the YouTube. *Why not play it twice and join in the second time?*

1. Prayer Time, “Thy Kingdom Come” is an around the world prayer cycle from May 21st to May 31st. In our Church and in many churches in England and around the world there are prayer stations set up in the church porches and churchyards. Why not go and explore your local open space, your local churchyard and follow the prayer trail.



This is a “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer you can do at home. Use a piece of string to make a prayer bracelet to remind you to pray for 5 friends. Choose people who do not understand God’s love for them and the joy and peace that making him a friend brings.



Take a piece of string and tie 5 knots in it or if you have some beads tie 5 beads on the string. Tie the bracelet on your wrist; you will need help from a friend to do this. Then, as you finger your bracelet, pray for your 5 friends and or members of your family.

2. Story Please copy and paste two short videos into your search engine.

Pickles and the Bully <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luIYVM2LzDc> By picklesadventures

A musical Children’s Short Story Cartoon

And for children at school made by children at school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6K7hniqnYQ> By Thomas Sugar

Say something Antibullying song for Kids by students from HES

3. Crafts

● **Craft One. Enjoy being messy by making a tree of decisions.**



How to.

- Take a sheet of paper and some green paint and some brown paint.
- Place a squirt of each colour on two plates.
- Take a brush and using the brown paint, paint the beginnings of the root system.
- Next paint the trunk and the branches.
- Allow to dry in the sun.
- Put your hand in the brown paint and with the fingers pointing to the bottom of the painting increase the root system.
- Now take your fingers and put in the green paint, splodge green leaves all over the branches.

Why. If you “listen to God, and do what he asks you to do, you are like a tree” (adapted from Psalm 1).

We need to root ourselves firmly “trying to do Good” as Peter tells us. To achieve this, we need to be rooted in the story of Jesus. Then, if we copy what Jesus did and said, we will grow large roots and your tree will not get blown down by difficult times or winds. I always try to talk to the outsider and to care for my friends and family.

● **Craft Two. Make a tree with branches and think about the choices you made today.**

How to.

There are two versions of this craft depending on your location. If you can safely get to an outside area with old sticks like a wood, collect these. If you have access to some cardboard cut two squares out and use these to make your trees.

a)



b)



c)



How. Look at Photo a) Collect twigs and place in a vase with something heavy at the bottom e.g. plasticine or glass marbles. Arrange so the twigs look like a tree. Look at Photo b) draw and cut out the surround of a tree. Look at Photo c) Cut vents top and bottom. Slot the two sides together to make a 3 D tree. You can paint these to look more realistic. Make some leaves to hang on the tree’s branches asking for God’s help with your choices you made daily. I try not being rude to my family. *(There are plenty of leaf templates to copy on the net)*

Why. Look at a tree and see how many branches divide as the tree grows bigger. Now think of your own story. In the same way you come to branches that divide in your story. It is up to you which path you take; the good branch or the bad branch. I certainly have chosen the wrong branch many a time. Do you sit and talk with the outsider at school? How have you shown “respect” for your teacher or your parents today? Did you choose to send nice messages on Facebook?

4. Song We have two versions of the wonderful hymn ‘Morning has broken’.

Thanking God for his world. One version is a children’s choir singing the hymn; another a famous version by Cat Stevens with a sequence of photos illustrating the song with words, so you can sing along or just watch the amazing photos of Cats and Kittens in God’s beautiful world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KyhqSRXCu0> by Milkwood Junior Choir *Jauckie Viljoen*

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EADlyNePYxs> Cat Stevens - “Morning has broken” with lyrics buyakga1946

5. Prayers



Ask your family to add leaves to your tree. Ask them to think of choices they have made today. Have they asked God for help to do the nice things and to say the right thing to people?

I say “Please God help me to find the right words to help me to be kind to Help me not to say or think nasty things.”

When you have collected leaves from all the family and put them on your prayer tree, read them one by one together placing them back on the tree.



Challenge for the week.

Can you think of someone that is not always happy or confident – possibly an outsider? One of your friends at school who you have not talked to while there has been the COVID-19 lockdown. Why not send a message to them, by whatever means you can? (What’s App, Text, phone call, Zoom or Facetime). Make them feel good and say something nice to them, as the song says “Pass It On”.

I hope you will have time to have a meal together after this Messy Church @ Home session.

Messy Grace May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if expecting a present) And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands) be with us evermore. (Hands up in the air) Amen.